

Table 2. Number, incidence rate¹, median days away from work² and relative standard errors³ of occupational injuries and illnesses involving days away from work⁴ to selected parts of body with musculoskeletal disorders⁵ in selected ownerships for Alaska, 2006

Ownership	Part of body affected	Total Cases	Incidence Rate	Median Days	Relative Standard Error
private industry	All selected parts	1,470	74.6	6	3.9
private industry	1 Neck- Including Throat	30	1.5	3	17.4
private industry	10 Neck- except internal location of diseases or disorders	30	1.5	3	17.4
private industry	2 Trunk	1,100	55.7	6	4.1
private industry	21 Shoulder- including clavicle- scapula	170	8.7	8	7.8
private industry	23 Back- including spine- spinal cord	790	40.3	5	4.5
private industry	230 Back- including spine- spinal cord- unspecified	290	14.8	5	6.3
private industry	231 Lumbar region	470	24.0	4	5.3
private industry	24 Abdomen	90	4.6	12	10.4
private industry	241 Internal abdominal location- unspecified	20	1.1	23	20.4
private industry	245 Intestines- peritoneum	40	1.9	10	16.0
private industry	2450 Intestines- peritoneum- unspecified	40	1.9	10	16.0
private industry	25 Pelvic region	30	1.5	25	18.0
private industry	254 Groin	30	1.3	25	18.7
private industry	3 Upper extremities	210	10.6	5	7.2
private industry	31 Arm(s)	80	4.1	5	10.9
private industry	310 Arm(s)- unspecified	40	2.3	5	14.5
private industry	312 Elbow(s)	30	1.3	21	19.1
private industry	32 Wrist(s)	90	4.7	9	10.3
private industry	33 Hand(s)- except finger(s)	20	1.1	3	20.8
private industry	4 Lower extremities	80	4.1	11	10.9
private industry	41 Leg(s)	70	3.4	13	12.0
private industry	412 Knee(s)	60	3.2	13	12.2
private industry	8 Multiple Body Parts	50	2.4	8	14.1
state government	All selected parts	200	95.8	15	27.8
state government	2 Trunk	130	63.5	32	28.9
state government	21 Shoulder- including clavicle- scapula	30	14.5	49	38.9
state government	23 Back- including spine- spinal cord	90	45.1	29	30.3
state government	230 Back- including spine- spinal cord- unspecified	30	14.2	5	39.2
state government	231 Lumbar region	60	27.5	38	33.2
state government	3 Upper extremities	50	23.2	6	34.4
state government	32 Wrist(s)	20	8.8	33	45.6
state government	38 Multiple upper extremities locations	20	10.5	6	43.0
local government	All selected parts	200	70.1	7	7.2
local government	2 Trunk	140	48.0	6	8.4
local government	21 Shoulder- including clavicle- scapula	20	7.6	14	19.6
local government	23 Back- including spine- spinal cord	100	34.8	5	9.6
local government	230 Back- including spine- spinal cord- unspecified	60	20.2	4	12.3
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¹ Incidence rates represent the number of injuries and illnesses per 10,000 full-time workers and were calculated as: $(N / EH) \times 20,000,000$ where,

N = number of injuries and illnesses,

EH = total hours worked by all employees during the calendar year,

20,000,000 = base for 10,000 full-time equivalent workers (working 40 hours per week, 50 weeks per year).

² Median days away from work is the measure used to summarize the varying lengths of absences from work among the cases with days away from work. Half the cases involved more days and half involved less days than a specified median. Median days away from work are represented in actual values.

³ Relative standard errors are a measure of the sampling error of an estimate. Sampling errors occur because observations are made on a sample, not on the entire population. Estimates based on the different possible samples of the same size and sample design could differ. Relative standard errors less than 0.05 are not shown.

⁴ Days away from work cases include those which result in days away from work with or without job transfer or restriction.

⁵ Includes cases where the nature of injury is: sprains, strains, tears; back pain, hurt back; soreness, pain, hurt, except back; carpal tunnel syndrome; hernia; or musculoskeletal system and connective tissue diseases and disorders and when the event or exposure leading to the injury or illness is: bodily reaction/bending, climbing, crawling, reaching, twisting; overexertion; or repetition. Cases of Raynaud's phenomenon, tarsal tunnel syndrome, and herniated spinal discs are not included. Although these cases may be considered MSD's, the survey classifies these cases in categories that also include non-MSD cases.

NOTE: Dashes indicate data that do not meet publication guidelines or data for incidence rates less than .05 per 10,000 full-time workers. The scientifically selected probability sample used was one of many possible samples, each of which could have produced different estimates. A measure of sampling variability for each estimate is available upon request.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, November 2007